

**State of Wisconsin
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2018**

Board Members Present: Steve Midthun, Stephen Willett, Jeff Cichon, Jose Delgado, Nathaniel Helm-Quest, Jennifer Kammerud, Timothy Opgenorth, and Robert Welch via phone.

HEAB Staff Present: John Reinemann, Sherrie Nelson, Avelino Pontes, and Peter Zammuto.

Others Present: Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Sean Nelson, UW System Administration; Jennifer Conway, Marquette University; Stephanie Mealy, Marquette University; Rebecca Larson, WAICU; Drew Anderson, Rand Corp; Jim Zylstra, WTCS; and John Whitt, UW Madison.

Chair Steve Midthun called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Steve Willett, seconded by Jennifer Kammerud to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2018 Board Meeting.

SETTING OF MEETING DATES FOR 2018-2019

The dates that were chosen are as follows: Friday, November 2, 2018; Friday, February 15, 2019; Friday, April 12, 2019; and Friday, July 19, 2019.

BOARD REPORT #19-01 2019-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TRIBAL COLLEGES

HEAB Executive Secretary John Reinemann recommended keeping the funding for the Tribal Colleges at the same level.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Robert Welch to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #19-02 2019-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WAICU recommends bringing the private, nonprofit appropriation to that of Minnesota's level, the appropriation would need to be increased by \$34 million. This equals 25 percent of the \$135 million of the increased amount in the Minnesota level appropriation. WAICU is again recommending that the appropriation be made "sum sufficient" – i.e., that funds be available for all qualified Wisconsin students.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Jeff Cichon to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #19-03 2019-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

The UW System recommended that the funding for WG-UW be increased by \$3,247,100 in both 2019-20 and 2020-2021; for a biennial increase of \$6,494,200. The increase in funding would return average grants to the 2009-10 level of \$2,161. The total appropriation for WG-UW would be \$65,141,200 for 2019-20 fiscal year and \$65,141,200 for 2020-21 fiscal year.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Tim Opgenorth to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORT #19-04 2019-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES: TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The WTCS recommended that the funding for WG-TC be increased by \$23,000,000 to eliminate the annual waiting list of potential WTCS students determined eligible for WG but who do not receive one due to a lack of state funding. WTCS indicated that nearly 23,000 eligible students did not receive a WHEG award during the 2016-17 academic year due to lack of funding. Thus, the increase in funding would ensure that all eligible students would receive a WG-TC award. The total appropriation for WG-TC would be \$45,971,700 for 2019-20 fiscal year and \$45,971,700 for 2020-21 fiscal year.

Moved by Steve Midthun, seconded by Jeff Cichon to accept the recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Jennifer Kammerud, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Robert Welch, Secretary